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SCHOOL

AND

FINANCIAL REPORTS

OF

PETERBORO', N. H.,

RENDERED

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SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report :

Dist. No. 1. First Dept. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, { A. J. ALDRICH,
A. M. PENDLETON,
W. E. BAKER.

Teacher, Miss MARY NEVILLE, of New Boston.

Miss Neville brought to this school the experience of many terms. By her zeal and energy she was enabled to accomplish much towards the advancement of the school. The examination was alike creditable to teacher and scholars and indicated progress made by most of the scholars. There was not that regularity of attendance and punctuality which is necessary for the most rapid advancement of each pupil.

Fall Term.

Teacher, Miss A. JOSEPHINE COCHRAN, of New Boston.

Miss Cochran was a fine teacher, and the school under her charge made good progress. She was very modest and reserved but she gained that confidence

of her scholars and control over them which made the term a pleasant and profitable one, as the examination fully evinced.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MR. LEWIS BOSS, of Hanover.

The school during this term was very large. It commenced with 62 scholars, but from various causes it dwindled down to 22. Some left on account of bad colds and sickness; some left to attend the academy; and others because they were too old, and, as they said, too far advanced to be instructed by a teacher from college. The teacher was a fine scholar and his method of teaching was excellent. If he failed in any thing it was in not enforcing stricter discipline. Many of the parents in this district sustain their children instead of assisting the teacher to maintain order, which is enough of itself to almost ruin any school. The examination of those scholars present was very satisfactory.

Second Department. Summer Term.

Teacher, MISS EMILY E. DERBY, of Dublin.

Miss Derby labored hard for the best interests of the school, but did not exhibit quite energy and life enough for this department. There was not that order which is necessary for a first class school. With a less difficult school she would have met with complete success.

Fall Term.

Teacher, MISS M. FLORENCE TAGGART.

The school under the charge of Miss Taggart made fine progress. The examination passed off pleasantly, and was very satisfactory to your committee. Many of the scholars used books beyond their capacity, and could not therefore make that advancement which they should.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS MARY J. PARKER.

This school was also very large during this term. The teacher has had much experience in teaching in this and other towns. At different times when your committee was present before the examination the discipline was not quite as strict as desirable. There were but ten tardy marks during the term. The examination far surpassed the expectation of those present. The scholars were very prompt and the order exhibited on that day was excellent. The present given to Miss Parker by the scholars indicated the feeling existing between them.

Second Dept. Summer and Fall Terms.

Teacher, MRS. E. J. HALE.

Mrs. Hale has taught so many years in this school, and is so peculiarly adapted to interest and instruct children, that it is hardly necessary for your committee to say a word. The reputation that she has gained in former years has been fully sustained.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS M. FLORENCE TAGGART.

This was the first winter term in this department, and the school was large. The scholars were all small, but there are some bright minds here. At no time when your committee has been present did the examination appear better than at this term. The scholars were very prompt and quiet.

Dist. No. 2. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. JOSEPH UPTON.

Teacher, MISS MARINDA K. PARKER.

The discipline in this school was good. Miss Parker is one of our best teachers. The examination displayed energy on the part of the teacher and progress and thoroughness on the part of the scholars.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS ESTHER G. UPHAM, of Springfield, Vt.

The order in the school was poor, and it was thought best for all concerned to have the school close during the fourth week without an examination. Miss Marinda K. Parker was engaged to finish the term. Order was soon restored, and the examination showed progress and thoroughness on the part of the scholars, and executive ability on the part of the teacher.

Dist. No. 3. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. J. M. MEARS.

Teacher, MISS ELSIE E. WILDER.

This was Miss Wilder's first term. She labored faithfully, and her labors were crowned with success. The school appeared well on examination day, and reflected much credit upon the faithfulness of the teacher.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MR. JONATHAN SMITH.

This was Mr. Smith's second term in this district. He came to the school well qualified to instruct in all the branches taught. He labored earnestly for the best interests of the school, and his labors were successful. The examination exhibited the thorough drill which the scholars received during the term.

Dist. No. 4. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. ALBERT C. FROST.

Teacher, MISS CARRIE J. ROBBE.

This was Miss Robbe's third term in this district. The character of her former schools were fully sustained during this term. The school, although small, was very successful, and showed evidences of good progress made by the scholars.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS MARY A. GARFIELD, of Claremont.

The school made good advancement during this term under the instructions of Miss Garfield. The

examination showed thoroughness on the part of the scholars, and especially did the first class in Geography do themselves and their teacher credit.

Dist. No. 5. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. ALBERT WILKINS.

Teacher, MISS MARY J. PARKER.

There was but one term of school in this district this year. At the end of the seventh week there was a vacation of one week. The progress made was very satisfactory. Miss Parker is an able and experienced teacher, and needs no praise from us. The tabular view will show two terms instead of one, as the register was made out in that form.

Dist. No. 6. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. WILLIAM L. CROSBY.

Teacher, MISS MARY J. PARKER.

Miss Parker's home is in this district, and the number of terms she has taught here indicates the confidence reposed in her qualifications as a teacher. The scholars made fine progress during the term, and the examination was very satisfactory.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MR. H. H. DUSTIN, of Deering.

This was Mr. Dustin's first term of teaching. He succeeded in maintaining good order. There seemed to be more harmony among the scholars and a better feeling existing between the parents than has been

exhibited for the past few winters. The examination showed faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and diligence on the part of the scholars.

Dist. No. 7. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. JOHN S. TREADWELL.

Teacher, MISS EVA S. RAMSEY.

The school was small, but it was very pleasant.— It was Miss Ramsey's first term. The scholars made commendable progress during the term, and the examination was very satisfactory to your committee.

Fall Term.

Teacher, MISS ELLEN M. NAHOR.

The discipline of the school was not as thorough as desirable. Some of the larger scholars took liberties which should not be allowed. Many of the scholars left before the close of the term, but those that remained appeared very well on examination day.— The teacher would succeed better in a district where she had not been a scholar.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MR. RODNEY H. WILDER.

The school during this term made good progress. The thoroughness in some particulars was very commendable. The shortness of the term prevented that amount of review which makes scholars prompt on examination.

Dist. No. 8. Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. CHARLES BARBER.

Teacher, MISS MINNIE G. HALE.

Miss Hale was a young teacher, but succeeded well for her first school. This is the smallest school but one in town. In so small a school there is not much chance for a teacher to display her qualifications.—The school appeared well at the close.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS NELLIE J. BALDWIN, of Hancock.

Miss Baldwin was also a young teacher, and, in fact, the small districts, on account of the small amount of money they receive, are almost compelled to hire inexperienced teachers. Good progress was made during the term, and the examination showed activity and thoroughness.

Dist. No. 9. Summer and Fall Terms.

Prudential Committee, MR. SAMUEL ADAMS.

Teacher, MISS MARTHA R. WILDER.

Miss Wilder is one of our best teachers, and has taught in this district before. The schools under her administration prospered finely, and the examination of both terms showed progress made by most of the scholars in the various branches studied. There are some bright and active minds in this school.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MR. ALBERT W. BACHELER, of Hanover.

Mr. Bacheler is a fine scholar, and labored hard for the best interest of the school. The school com-

menced with 34 scholars and closed with 15. Sickness and various other causes combined to make it small at its close. The parents do not exhibit that interest in the school which they should. Those scholars present at examination were prompt, and appeared very well, and we should judge had made commendable progress during the term.

Dist. No. 10. Winter Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. P. R. DAVIS.

Teacher, MISS MARY E. SHELDON.

This was the only term of school in this district during the year, and it was the smallest school in town. There were only two scholars. They made good advancement, and the school was a success, so far as two scholars can be called a school.

Dist. No. 11 Summer Term.

Prudential Committee, MR. JOHN J. BARKER.

Teacher, MISS ROSELLE M. BARKER.

This was Miss Barker's first term. The scholars were mostly young, and not as advanced as in many other districts, on account of the poor advantages which they had previously enjoyed. The term was short, but good progress was made by the scholars.

Winter Term.

Teacher, MISS JENNIE E. FISHER, of Francestown.

This was Miss Fisher's first attempt at teaching.—She labored faithfully, and the examination showed that her labors had been crowned with success. No school in town has made more rapid progress during the year than this.

General Remarks.

The schools, as a whole, have not been any more successful the past than during the previous year. The want of success, in some of them, may be attributed partly to the indifference of the parents, and to their failure to assist in maintaining order. Some of the schools are so small that it would be much better to re-district the town, or unite some of the districts. More money was raised by the town, and it was so divided that the village schools received a larger and the smaller districts a less sum than formerly. District No. 1 had 31 weeks of school during the year, and the other districts from 25 1-2 weeks down to 9. Part of the teachers mark their scholars as tardy if they are not present when the clock strikes nine, while some do not call the roll until after they have read in the testament. This makes some records appear much better than others, and often does injustice to the faithful teacher. There should be some uniform rule adopted in marking, and your committee would recommend that the opening of the school is the proper time to mark those who are absent. There is not enough attention given to the elementary branches and the first principles; too much anxiety is displayed to use those books for which they are not qualified. The plan of drawing maps upon paper is recommended, as a double object is accomplished. The scholars not only learn to draw, but at the same time, are fixing the location of different places more firmly in the memory. Those principles should be more thoroughly studied, and more fully explained which can be applied in daily life.

EZRA M. SMITH, S. S. Com.

TABULAR VIEW OF

WINTER SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.

Districts.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of pupils.	Males.	Females.	Average attendance.	Tardiness.	Dismissal.	Not absent one half day.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Grammar.	Geography.	Compositions.	History.	Physiology.	Other studies.	Wages of teacher per month including board.	Visits by Sup'g Committee.	By Prudential Committee.	By citizens and others.
(1	11 62	32	30	46	117	119	1 62	62	18	62	8	56	36	2	13	\$52 00	3	5	75				
1	11 67	22	35	59	10	9	14	67	54	67	20	45	8	40	00	4	8	380					
(3	11 62	37	25	49	77	14	5	62	62	*	43	20	28	*	4	34	00	3	13				
2	10 25	17	8	20	33	2	3	25	25	*	23	3	10	14	*	2	*	18					
3	11 31	19	12	25	75	19	6	31	31	24	23	6	13	7	11	2	40	00	2	1	29		
4	10 16	13	3	11	1	7	4	16	16	11	12	3	11	19	60	2	2	24					
5	8 28	18	10	25	7	9	1	28	28	18	23	3	18	28	00	1	27						
6	8 31	17	14	29	3	3	4	31	31	8	27	2	7	17	36	00	2	46					
7	9 12	6	6	10	23	9	2	12	12	11	11	11	4	1	24	00	2	1	22				
8	10 5	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	19	50	2	1	15						
9	12 34	17	17	28	66	1	1	34	34	34	34	2	30	18	3	50	00	2	1	19			
10	9 2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	16	00	2	1	*					
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* Not reported by teacher.

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REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY.

No. of volumes in the Library, March, 1868,	2347
Since added,	97
	<hr/> 2444
Worn out or lost,	4
	<hr/> 2440
Total,	

Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance from last year,	\$14 47
From Ladies' Calico Ball,	11 00
Town appropriation,	75 00
Fines,	12 91
From a Levee,	435 21—\$548 59
Expended for new books,	\$55 38
Binding and repairing books,	39 50
Printing labels,	6 00
Express,	1 60—\$102 48
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Balance,	\$446 11

The Library has been well kept—only a single volume having been lost during the year—but it is sustaining considerable injury from dampness. Some parts of the room now occupied are entirely unfit for storing books. The dampness and mould which gather on them not only make them unsightly and offensive, but render them liable to fall to pieces with very little use. With the books soon to be added, the shelves will be fully occupied, so that larger accommodations will shortly be necessary. In the judgment of the committee, the books should be covered with strong paper, but the funds at their disposal have been so small that they have not felt justified in incurring the expense.

Five persons have failed to comply with the rule which requires all books to be returned to the Library on or before the first Monday in March. Fines to the amount of \$4.06 have been assessed, but not collected.

Donations of books have been received from the following persons: Hon. A. F. Stevens, thirty volumes of public documents; Senator Cragin, three volumes; State, nine volumes; American Tract Society, seven volumes; J. A. Bullard, one volume; Asa Twitchell, one volume; Miss L. S. Fiske, one volume; Miss A. C. Payson, five volumes.

A. M. PENDLETON,	}	Committee on Town Library.
EUGENE LEWIS,		
E. M. SMITH,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RENDERED FEB. 1, 1869.

E. H. SMITH, Treasurer, in acct. with the town of Peterboro'.

DEBTOR.

E. H. Smith, Treasurer 1867,	\$472 86
Selectmen, borrowed money,	9195 00
H. Brennan, damage,	15 00
Selectmen, for Bonds sold,	45001 78
A. P. Morrison, rent of upper hall,	52 00
J. R. Miller, store rent,	100 00
Smith & Stewart, store rent,	325 00
Asa Davis, liquor agent,	100 00
E. H. Smith, collector,	971 00
Tax List, 1868,	21627 83
Dog tax,	82 00
Francetown Bank,	24 80
Savings Bank Dividend,	1159 15
Railroad Dividend,	20 10
Literary Fund,	97 56
United States Bounties,	480 00
E. H. Smith, collector,	371 83
Abatements on Lists 1864-5-6-7-8,	584 19
Asa Davis, Town Hall rent,	69 51—\$80749 61

CREDIT.

State tax, Peter Sanborn,	\$5257 50
County " J. B. Atherton,	1789 80— \$7027 30

Schools.

District No. 1, A. J. Aldrich,	\$891 00
“ “ 2, Joseph Upton,	148 24
“ “ 3, John M. Mears,	150 11
“ “ 4, A. C. Frost,	79 28
“ “ 5, Albert Wilkins,	82 29

Carried forward,	\$7027 30
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Brought over,		\$7027 30
District No. 6, W. L. Crosby,	\$121 38	
“ “ 7, J. S. Treadwell,	134 39	
“ “ 8, Chas. Barber,	57 27	
“ “ 9, Samuel Adams,	324 40	
“ “ 10, P. R. Davis,	38 46	
“ “ 11, J. J. Barker,	62 39	
Hancock, A. J. Tenney,	5 79	
District No. 5, dog tax,	1 61	
“ “ 8, “ “	1 12	
“ “ 1, “ “	17 44—	2115 17

Library.

A. M. Pendleton, committee,	75 00
Interest on notes,	1467 92
Interest on bonds,	891 00
Notes and interest on notes,	56589 79

Highways and Bridges.

John D. Diamond, labor,	\$2 50	
Horace Whittemore, “	3 00	
John Upton, 2d, lumber,	27 50	
Alvah Ames, labor,	54 60	
“ “ “	20 00	
Chas. Nims, “	87 63	
G. W. Nye, “	23 34	
G. A. Hayward, “	24 54	
Lorenzo Holt, “	110 41	
W. B. Crosby, lumber,	81 24	
Jones Dodge, for labor,	31 50	
Samuel Taggart, “	17 00	
Henry A. McGukin, labor,	5 75	
Benj. Owen, “	4 00	
T. M. Longley, “	12 00	
W. C. Brackett, “	18 00	
James E. Bailey, “	4 87	
F. B. Miller, “	3 50	
Samuel Miller, “	15 00	
Luke Tarbox, “	30 25	
John H. Vose, “	2 00	
“ “ “ lumber,	53 98	
John Smith, labor,	38 05	
Alpha Farwell, labor,	5 25	
David Gould, “	9 62	
Isaac D. White, “	3 50	
Carried forward,		\$68166 18

Brought forward,		\$68166 18
Benj. Crosby, labor,	37 50	
Thomas Little, "	9 25	
Edward Danforth, labor,	4 29	
Cyrus Blanchard, "	43 92	
Dalphon Osborn, "	26 50	
F. A. Tarbell, "	13 00	
John Cragin, lumber,	59 20	
John M. Collins, labor,	144 40	
Franklin Field, labor,	101 25	
Chas. M. Moore, "	30 00	
John M. Ramsey, "	4 00	
John Stewart, "	36 94	
W. L. Baldwin, "	22 87	
Horace Evans, "	5 50	
Josiah Brackett, "	61 25	
Rufus Moore, "	9 00	
John T. Spofford, "	10 50	
Geo. H. Longley, "	2 00	
Geo. Shedd, "	29 86	
Cyrus Frost, "	28 80	
Geo. Steele, "	40 00	
Eri Spaulding, "	2 00	
Frank Conda, "	23 25	
C. H. Brooks, "	15 00	
B. F. Wilkinson, lumber,	62 63	
John D. Diamond, labor,	2 00	
John Stewart, lumber,	6 00	
Sampson Washburn, labor,	35 68	
Amos B. Emery, stone,	6 00	
John Q. Adams, labor,	3 50	
S. W. Piper, "	4 17	
John E. May, "	4 50	
Caleb F. Wilder, "	16 50	
Wm. S. Smith, "	3 00	
Joseph Noone, lumber,	54 50	
Henry McGukin, labor,	1 50	
Geo. W. Ames, "	37 00	
Ruel Richardson, "	1 10	
A. Buckminster, "	16 88	
Thomas Hadley, "	3 65	
Chas. McCoy, 2d, "	8 00	
Hiram McCoy, "	6 00	
Eli S. Hunt, "	7 00	
Chas. Nims, "	10 75	
James Mitchell, "	4 00	
T. Farnsworth, "	7 20	
Carried forward,		\$68166 18

Brought forward,		\$68166 18
G. P. Felt, material and labor,	5 00	
Mary Woods, labor,	2 00	
Asa Davis, "	103 23	
G. W. Farrar, bridge iron,	75	
B. F. Darling, labor,	2 25	
W. P. & A. Hopkins, lumber,	1 50	
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Snow Bills.

Joseph Upton,	\$7 00	
George A. Hayward,	2 00	
Wm. B. Crosby,	14 00	
John O. Nay,	5 53	
Charles Barber,	1 80	
N. H. Moore,	3 11	
Jones N. Dodge,	13 95	
Wm. H. Hadley,	3 55	
Samuel Taggart,	6 65	
Henry McGukin,	87	
Lewis Partridge,	2 50	
Benj. Owen,	2 14	
B. F. Miller,	9 96	
B. F. Eastman,	7 25	
I. D. White,	2 67	
J. Longley & Son,	5 00	
Patrick O'Keefe,	3 75	
Thomas Hadley,	8 75	
Joseph McCoy,	3 50	
Thomas Little,	7 25	
Lyman A. Hall,	10 00	
F. A. Tarbell,	2 25	
James Wilson,	75	
John E. May,	3 00	
David Blanchard,	5 40	
Albert Clark,	31 25	
Geo. W. Hadley,	90	
John O'Keefe,	4 86	
Chas. M. Moore,	7 47	
James H. Collins,	3 00	
Samuel Weston,	1 00	
W. L. Baldwin,	14 87	
Horace Evans,	1 00	
John T. Spofford,	3 80	
Sampson Washburn,	7 00	
George Shedd,	11 77	
Cyrus Frost,	10 00	
Carried forward,		<hr/> \$70031 78

Brought forward,		\$70031 78
A. Cragin,	6 50	
B. F. Smiley,	3 62	
John Alexander,	10 12	
George Meyhew,	1 99	
Stewart & Wilkins,	13 15	
Charles R. Richardson,	3 00	
John Little,	10 20	
Charles Varnum,	7 87	
T. L. Hovey,	1 75	
Alvah Puffer,	5 50	
French Bruce,	1 20	
Jeremiah Lawrence,	1 50	
Jeremiah Regan,	3 00	
P. R. Davis,	4 50	
Horatio Nelson,	2 50	
Asa Davis,	5 50—	311 44

Insane.

Thomas Little, agent,	443 82
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Town Paupers.

Thomas Little, agent,	903 05
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Damages.

David Mahony,	\$55 00	
W. W. Johnson, cost of reference,	45 00	
C. C. Marcy,	20 00	
John O Keefe, sheep killed by dog,	8 00	
C. H. Brooks,	70 46	
Asa Twitchell, sheep killed by dog,	4 00	
J. F. James, cost of reference,	100 20	
Horatio Nelson,	25 00	
A. Jates,	2 00	
C. & C. G. Winchester,	3 20—	332 86

Insurance.

Hatch & Lewis,	\$75 00	
Ezra M. Smith,	75 00	
A. M. Pendleton,	19 75—	169 75

Town Farm House.

Asa Davis, agent, 1867,	933 47
Carried forward,	<hr/> \$73126 17

Brought forward,		\$73126 17
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New Cemetery.

Amasa Farrier, surveying, &c.,	\$136 00	
John H. Vose, lumber,	30 00	
Rufus Forbush, surveying,	20 90	
George W. Ames, labor,	5 00	
O. C. Baker,	6 25	
Asa Davis,	31 92—	230 07

Old Cemetery.

Albert Frost, labor,		7 07
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Watering Troughs.

George F. Cheever,	\$3 00	
J. W. Holt,	3 00	
Samuel Fisk,	3 00	
Cyrus Frost,	3 00—	12 00

Fire Department.

James Bond & Sons, Hose,	\$126 03	
Boston Belting Co., repairing Hose,	9 37	
Winslow S. Kyes, care Deluge No. 2,	27 00	
Geo. S. Clark, care of Aquarius No. 1,	18 20—	180 60

Fires.

J. E. Bailey, labor, Billings & Tenney,	\$2 00	
H. K. Erench, refreshments,	31 23—	33 23

Printing.

Farnum & Scott,		103 25
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Stationery and Blank Books.

N. P. Green,	\$3 00	
Charles A. Ames,	6 89—	9 89

Town Officers.

Daniel W. Gould, clerk,	\$33 05	
Ezra M. Smith, school committee	30 00	
John M. Collins, selectman, 1868,	37 12	
James Scott, auditor, 1868,	3 00	
Albert Frost, sexton, “	85 38	
Albert Sawyer, police, “	25 00	
S. I. Vose, selectman, “	136 75	
M. L. Morrison, “ “	101 25	
J. R. Miller, librarian, “	50 00	
Asa Davis, selectman, “	187 55	
E. H. Smith, treasurer, “	79 00	
“ “ “ collector, 1864-5-6-7,	73 13—	841 23

Carried forward,		\$74543 51
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Brought forward,		\$745 43	51
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Incidentals.

Recording M. Osgood's will,	\$3	00	
Burnham Moore, 2 scrapers,	17	00	
Ezra M. Smith, counsel,	66	43	
Swallow & Rourke, horse hire,	28	00	
David Smiley, care of clock,	30	00	
H. K. French, sleigh hire,	2	25	
John R. Miller, repairs, &c.,	12	32	
Asa Davis, care of hall, &c.,	19	65	
Asa Davis, bill of nails, &c.,	2	08	
Smith & Stewart, hardware, &c.,	26	89	
G. P. Felt, lumber,	24	83	
Asa Davis, road agent, 1867,	10	24—	242 69

Abatements, 1868.

Jacob Upton,	\$2	63	
Michael Keelan,	2	63	
N. F. Laws,	1	50	
Samuel Weston,	2	63	
James Wilson, dog,	1	00	
David Blanchard,		74	
Ira Spofford,	2	50	
Sylvester Tenney,	36	80	
N. F. Laws,	3	86	
B. S. Nichols,	8	02	
Josiah S. Morrison,		87	
Ethan Hadley,	3	50	
P. W. Hopkins,	1	75	
List of 1864,	5	84	
“ “ 1865,	180	39	
“ “ 1866,	114	12	
“ “ 1867,	221	22	
“ “ 1868, town farm,	62	62—	652 62

Taxes.

Collected at 7 per cent. discount, \$3005 00.	210	35
“ “ 5 “ “ “ \$16821 94.	841	09
Dog tax collected, \$59 00.		
Uncollected tax, Jan. 15, 1869,	1800	89
“ dog “ “ “ “	23	00
Money in hands of treasurer,	2435	46

\$80749 61

E. H. SMITH, TREASURER.

Recapitulation.

E. H. SMITH, Treasurer, DR.

To tax list and money received,	\$80749 61
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By paid state and county tax,	\$7027 30	
Schools,	2115 17	
Library,	75 00	
Interest on notes,	1467 92	
" " bonds,	891 00	
Notes and Interest,	56589 79	
Highway and bridge bills,	1865 60	
Snow bills,	311 44	
Insane,	443 82	
Town paupers,	903 05	
Damages,	332 86	
Insurance,	169 75	
Town farm house,	933 47	
New cemetery bills,	230 07	
Old cemetery,	7 07	
Watering troughs,	12 00	
Fire department,	180 60	
Fires,	33 23	
Printing,	103 25	
Stationery,	9 89	
Town officers,	841 23	
Incidentals,	242 69	
Abatements,	652 62	
Discount on taxes for 1868,	1051 44	
Uncollected "	1823 89	
Cash to balance,	2435 46 —	\$80749 61

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

RENDERED FEBRUARY 1, 1869.

*Thomas Little, Overseer, in account with the Town
of Peterborough.*

DEBTOR.

Invoice of Town Farm, Stock, Tools, &c., Feb. 1, 1869.

Farm,	\$3600 00	
Stock,	1182 00	
Tools,	128 00	
Hay and fodder,	366 50	
Produce, provisions, &c.,	198 86	
Furniture,	123 68—	\$5599 04
Interest on same,		335 94

Money Received.

E. H. Smith, Treasurer,	\$728 82	
" " " "	618 05	
County of Hillsborough,	151 35	
Asa Davis, Overseer, 1867,	97 59	
Joseph Noone, lumber, 1867,	4 50	
French Bruce, " "	3 00—	\$1603 31
Samuel W. Taggart's salary to April 1st, 1869,		375 00
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		\$7913 29

CREDIT.

Invoice, February 1st, 1869.

Farm,	\$3600 00	
<i>Stock.</i>		
1 pair oxen, five years old,	\$200 00	
2 " " four " "	390 00—	
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Carried forward,		\$3600 00

Brought forward,		\$3600 00
8 cows with calf,	400 00	
3 heifers, three years old, with calf,	140 00	
1 pair steers, three years old,	75 00	
1 bull, two years old,	35 00	
4 young stock, two years old,	100 00	
8 young stock, one year old,	104 00	
1 horse,	150 00	
13 sheep,	45 50	
3 shoats,	48 00	
11 hens,	5 50—	1693 00

Hay and Fodder.

20 tons English hay, first quality, \$16 00,	\$320 00	
2½ " " " second " \$14 00,	35 00	
7½ tons meadow hay, \$9 00,	65 00—	420 00
Lot of lumber, for new house,		50 50

Farming Tools.

2 carts and racks for same,	\$30 00	
2 wagons, one lumber and one pleasure,	27 00	
1 sleigh,	12 00	
1 grindstone and hangings,	4 00	
1 eagle plow,	6 00	
2 plows, old,	1 75	
1 swivel plow, new,	20 00	
1 cultivator,	1 00	
3 hoes, whiffletree and chain,	1 58	
3 scythes, one snath,	3 00	
2 wood saws,	75	
4 ladders,	3 00	
2 wedges and beetle rings,	1 00	
Lot old iron,	10 00	
2 harrows,	4 90	
3 bits and ball brace,	3 00	
Lot old lead pipe,	50	
1 crow bar,	1 00	
4 draft chains,	5 00	
1 carpenter's bench,	1 00	
Lime,	1 50	
1 horse sled and drag,	2 00	
2 ox sleds,	10 00	
2 slide yokes,	16 00	
3 old yokes,	2 50	
1 pair ox bows,	1 00	
3 hay forks,	1 50	
1 pair feed boxes,	67	
2 manure forks,	2 00	
5 hand rakes,	1 50	
1 drag rake,	1 00	
3 shovels,	2 50	
4 chopping axes,	4 00	
1 harness and bells,	20 00	
Carried forward,		\$5763 50

Brought forward,		\$5763 50
1 halter, blanket and surcingle,	2 00	
1 card and brush,	50	
44 sap buckets,	5 28	
1 sap pan, small,	2 00	
1 saw set,	50	
Lot grass seed,	75	
6 meal bags,	2 00—	214 78

Produce and Provisions.

28 bushels corn,	\$42 00
16 " oats,	13 60
7½ " barley,	10 12
2½ " white beans,	12 50
1½ " colored beans,	4 50
½ bushel peas,	1 25
Lot seed corn,	1 50
Lot pop corn,	4 50
40 lbs. dried apple,	6 00
8½ " sausages,	1 65
225 " salt pork,	45 00
106 " ham,	21 20
125 " salt beef,	17 50
35 " hocks and chops,	5 25
59¼ " fresh meat,	9 48
62 " lard,	13 64
6 " tripe,	75
5¼ bbls. cider,	21 00
5 cider barrels,	7 50
Vinegar and barrel,	4 00
2 bbls. apples, 1st quality,	7 00
5 " " 2d "	7 50
6 galls. boiled cider,	6 00
4 bushels beets and turnips,	2 00
165 bushels potatoes,	123 75
1 barrel soft soap,	5 00
Lot soap grease,	2 50
17½ lbs. tallow,	2 45
5 gallons pickles,	2 50
8 " cucumbers,	2 00
100 lbs. squash,	1 50
1½ lbs. mixed yarn,	1 87
30 lbs. butter,	12 60
36 eggs,	1 00
80 lbs. cheese,	12 80
1 bushel rock salt,	1 10
6 lbs. sugar,	91
4 " "	60
½ " tea,	70
Spices,	50
30 lbs. flour,	2 10
¾ bushel corn meal,	1 12

Carried forward,	\$5978 28
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Brought forward,		\$5978 28
$\frac{1}{4}$ bushel rye meal,	50	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels cob and corn meal,	1 75	
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon molasses,	37	
7 lbs. dried pumpkin,	50—	443 06

Household Furniture.

2 stoves and furniture,	\$28 00	
11 chairs,	3 67	
2 tables and stand,	2 50	
2 lamps,	1 50	
1 soapstone stove and funnel,	20 00	
20 plates, C. C.,	1 00	
3 pitchers, 2 tea cups, &c.,	53	
6 tea spoons, plated,	1 00	
9 sauce plates,	33	
1 castor, &c.,	1 00	
1 platter, 3 bowls, 3 tumblers,	65	
1 tea and coffee canister,	67	
4 nappies,	1 10	
1 set table cutlery,	1 50	
1 tea and coffee pot,	1 00	
Apple parer and mixing spoons,	87	
2 sad irons,	1 00	
6 spice boxes and 2 trays,	1 33	
40 tin pans,	8 00	
5 tin pails,	2 25	
8 tin bake pans,	67	
1 sugar bucket, 2 tin pails (small),	67	
1 sausage filler, 3 jugs, stone pot,	1 50	
3 stone pots, and stone churn,	2 50	
2 wash tubs, clothes wringer,	9 50	
1 patent churn,	3 00	
1 dry sink, mop pail,	2 83	
2 brooms, 5 water pails,	67	
5 baskets,	2 00	
1 dinner horn, oil can,	79	
1 lantern,	1 00	
3 meat barrels, 3 butter tubs,	5 25	
25 flour barrels,	2 50	
1 dish, 2 wash bowls,	1 00	
2 water dippers, 3 chambers,	1 25	
1 chopping knife, tunnel, &c.,	62	
8 towels, 3 curtains,	2 50	
7 beds and bedding,	47 00—	163 15
15 cords wood,		42 50
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		\$6626 99
Note, H. W. Dunbar,		30 00

Town Paupers not on Farm.

Lizzie Whitecomb,	10 00	
Asa Davis, goods delivered J. Felt,	24 93	
Daniel Shedd, meat " "	10 74	
W. G. Livingston, goods delivered J. Thorning,	8 63	
Carried forward,		<hr/>
		\$6956 99

Brought forward,		\$6656 99
C. C. Marcy, meal delivered J. Thorning,	80	
Asa Davis, goods and wood delivered Fife girls,	46 45	

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County Paupers.

French Family,	1 00	
H. K. French, entertaining strangers,	7 50	
Thomas Little, keeping boy,	1 00	
Asa Davis, county bills,	31 05	
Albert Frost, coffin,	8 50	
John A. Wheeler, care of Miss Goodell,	31 75	
W. H. Longley, meat delivered J. Fellows,	4 31	
Asa Davis, goods " "	16 74	
Paid J. Fellows,	19 50	
Susan Wait, to A. Davis,	17 50	
Hatch & Lewis, advice in Fellow's case,	2 50	
Searching Records, " "	2 00	
G. F. Cheever, entertaining strangers,	2 00	
Entertaining girl, by A. Davis,	1 00	
J. Austin, board and nursing Mary Bettie,	68 50	
Dr. J. H. Cutler, attendance to Mary Bettie,	18 00	

 232 85

Insane.

Thomas McCoy Jr., and Miss Badger,	466 10
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Finishing House.

John Lynch, paint and painting,	\$106 79	
Smith & Stewart, hardware,	7 26	
W. W. H. Greenwood, windows,	3 77	
A. Childs, planing lumber,	6 58	
Wm. T. Lawrence, labor,	2 50	
Thos. Little, labor,	38 00	
Boarding help,	37 00—	201 90

Bills of 1867.

John P. Marsh, services,	\$285 00	
C. A. Wheeler, slide yoke,	11 00	
John Upton, sled, &c.,	8 50	
Asa Davis, services and use of wagon,	21 66	
G. W. Farrar,	6 30	
R. H. & A. W. Noone, sawing lumber,	1 20	
Asa Davis, goods,	28 01	
H. W. Nieman, chairs,	2 40—	364 07

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Debtor brought forward,	7913 29
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Net profit of farm for 1868,	\$110 17
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The number of paupers supported on the farm, was two for eight months, and one for six and one-half months.

The number of persons assisted away from the farm in 1868, was four.

Lizzie Whitcomb,	10 00	
Joseph Felt,	35 67	
John Thorning,	8 63	
Fife girl,	46 45—	\$100 75

County Bills Due February 1st, 1869.

Asa Davis, entertaining girl,	\$1 00	
James Austin, entertaining Miss Bettie,	68 50	
Dr. J. H. Cutler, attending Miss Bettie,	18 00—	\$87 50
Henry W. Dunbar, note,		\$30 00

The above report is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS LITTLE, Overseer of the Poor.

Liabilities, Feb. 1, 1869.

Town bonds and interest to Feb. 1, 1869,	\$45225 00	
Amount of notes due sundry persons,	7654 62	
Amzi Childs, land damage,	60 00	
Amos B. Emery, “ “	50 00	
Samuel W. Taggart, salary,	375 00	
Unpaid interest on town bonds,	192 00	
Soldiers' monument, voted March, 1868,	1000 00	
New hearse contracted for,	550 00—	\$55106 62

Assets.

Uncollected taxes for 1865-6-7-8,	\$1400 98	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	2435 46	
Due from United States as Bounties,	1402 84	
Rent due on Town House,	39 75	
Due from Gilman May,	43 00	
Bank taxes due the town,	125 95	
Due from county,	87 50	
Henry W. Dunbar's note,	30 00	
		5565 48

Balance against the town,	\$49541 14
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ASA DAVIS,	} Selectmen of Peterborough.
S. I. VOSE,	
— M. L. MORRISON,	

We the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts, of the Treasurer, Selectmen, accounts of the Highways, Overseer of Poor, and Town Farm, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES SCOTT,	} AUDITORS.
JONAS LIVINGSTON,	
THOMAS LITTLE	

February 26, 1869.

Plastic Slate

FOR

ROOFING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

The process of reconstructing Slate Stone from a disintegrated state was patented February 21st, 1865. It is a combination of

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As a Roofing material, it stands unrivalled. It adapts itself to every shape and slope. Non-combustible, impervious, non-expansive and undecaying.

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IMPORTANT LEGAL TESTIMONY

REFERRING TO PLASTIC SLATE.

Last June, a case arose in a District Court in the State of Indiana, which required legal testimony concerning the nature of Plastic Slate and its qualities as a roofing material. A commissioner was chosen by the parties in the City of New York, before whom the depositions were taken, and I now present a part of two of them for your consideration.

Prof. Charles S. Stone's Testimony.

My name is Charles S. Stone. I reside in New York City. I am professor of chemistry and Physic at the Cooper Union in this city.

Question. For what reason do you ascribe to this material (Plastic Slate) its good qualities for roofing and other purposes?

Answer. Its good qualities as a roofing material are due: first, to its imperviousness to water, and unchangeableness on exposure. Second, its quality of non-combustibility, which is equal to pure slate, and its more permanent cohesiveness under the action of powerful heat. Third, its antiseptic action upon the wood to which it is applied, by reason of the creosote always present in coal tar, which will penetrate the wood more or less, exercising a preserving influence on it.

As a disinfectant, coal tar contains one of the most powerful agents of that class, namely, carbolic acid; and, until that has all evaporated, the air in the vicinity of a roof covered with this material, will be more or less under the influence of its disinfecting and purifying qualities.

CHARLES S. STONE.

Prof. Ridgeway's Testimony.

My name is Thomas S. Ridgeway. I reside in Boston, Mass. I am professor of geology and mining engineering.

Question. If you mix coal tar and finely pulverized slate together, and expose the mixture to the sun and air what will be the result?

Answer. If the slate is argillaceous slate, and intimately mixed in proper proportions, it will produce a composition similar to natural bituminous argillaceous slate.

Q. Will this composition be liable in time to separate or dissolve by the action of air, sun or water?

A. It cannot change chemically after it has arrived at its maximum degree of hardness, but it may wear out in the course of time from the friction of rain water and walking upon the roof.

Q. Please state what you know of this material as a protection against fire.

A. If the materials are properly mixed, it is perfectly fire proof. It is superior to sheet slate in this respect, from the fact that there are interstices between the sheets of slate admitting air to sustain a fire when the rafters and sheeting boards are on fire, whereas the plastic slate adheres to the sheetings and is air tight, and prevents the air from rushing in.

Q. Do you regard plastic slate as a valuable roofing material?

A. Yes sir, very valuable if properly made.

Q. Have you any pecuniary interest in this invention?

A. No.

THOMAS S. RIDGEWAY.

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